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MATERIAL, ESPECIALLY BARK, SAWDUST,
PRETREATED SLUDGE OR A MIXTURE OF THESE,
USE OF A WIRE, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
COOLING WASTE WATER PRODUCED IN A
PRODUCTION PROCESS OF PULP OR PAPER, PULP
MILL AND PAPER MILL**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows: